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## Welcome to the Family

Welcome brothers and sisters! Welcome to this new paper. It is named the *Adventist Review, Limited Edition*. We have written it just for you. We hope that it will be a blessing to you. We hope it will help you to live for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is wonderful. He is the Son of God. He came to earth and showed us what God is like. He died on the cruel cross for our sins. Then He rose again from the dead. Now He is our great high priest in heaven above. And soon He will come back again to this earth.

We are followers of Jesus who call ourselves Seventh-day Adventists. Our church goes right back to the New Testament. We follow the teachings of Jesus and

the apostles.

After the apostles died, some of their teachings were slowly lost. Other teachings that are not in the Bible came in.

But about 150 years ago God began to bring back the lost teachings. He spoke to an American farmer named William Miller. William Miller studied the Bible. He began to preach that Jesus was coming again soon.

Other people began to study the Bible too. They also preached that Jesus was coming again soon.

They also read that God tells us to keep the Sabbath holy. The Sabbath is the seventh day of the week. They began to rest on the Sabbath. They did not work.

These people were the first

Seventh-day Adventists. They were just a small number, about 100.

Among them was a young man, James White. James' wife was named Ellen. Ellen was 20 years old. God spoke to her in special visions. He told her what He wanted the Seventh-day Adventists to learn.

One day the Seventh-day Adventists were having a meeting. God spoke to Ellen White. She told her husband James the words of God. She told James to start a little paper. It would be small at first. But it would grow. It would be like light. It would go around the world.

James did not have any money. He did not have many books. But he believed God's words. So he began to write.

He worked hard. He wrote a little paper. He called it *Present Truth*. He took it to the post office. The post office sent out 1,000 copies.

People liked the little paper. James wrote more words and sent them out. He gave the paper a new name. He called it the *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

It was the *Second Advent Review* because it said that Jesus was coming again soon. It was the *Sabbath Herald* because it said that the seventh day is the Sabbath.

James White's paper is still here. Today we call it the *Adventist Review*. Seventh-day Adventists read it. It tells about Jesus. And it tells about our wonderful family, the Seventh-day Adventists.

## My Seventh-day Adventist CHURCH

- There are about 12 million members as well as their families not yet baptized and we are still growing.
- One new believer is baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church every 38 seconds.
- We have 46,740 churches around the world.
- You can find the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 204 countries around the world.

# Why Are We Seventh-day Adventists?

Our name has two parts—"seventh-day" and "Adventists."

## **1. We keep the seventh day holy to God. We do not work on this day. We come together to sing, pray, and read the Bible.**

God rested on the Sabbath. *"By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing. So on the seventh day He rested from all of His work"* (Genesis 2:2). God said: *"Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy. Do all of your work in six days. But the seventh day is a Sabbath in honor of the Lord your God. Do not do any work on that day. The same command applies to your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and your animals. It also applies to any outsiders who live in your cities. In six days I made the heavens and the earth. I made the oceans and everything in them. But I rested on the seventh day. So I blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy"* (Exodus 20:8-11).

Jesus kept the Sabbath: *"Jesus went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. On the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue as He usually did. And He stood up to read"* (Luke 4:16).

The apostles kept the Sabbath: *"Paul went into the synagogue as he usually did. For three Sabbath days in a row he talked about the Scriptures with the Jews."* (Acts 17:2).

This is why we keep the seventh day, the Sabbath.

## **2. Jesus is coming again soon.**

Jesus promised that He will come back. He said: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust in me also. There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. If I go and do that, I*

*will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am"* (John 14:1-3).

The angels told us that Jesus will come again: *"After Jesus said this, He was taken up to heaven. They watched until a cloud hid him from their sight. While He was going up, they kept on looking at the sky. Suddenly two men dressed in white clothing stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking at the sky? Jesus has been taken away from you into heaven. But he will come back in the same way you say him go'"* (Acts 1:9-11).

Paul believed that Jesus will come again: *"We believe that Jesus died and rose again. When He returns, many who believe in Him will have died already. We believe that God will bring them back with Jesus. That agrees with what the Lord has said. When the Lord comes, many of us will still be alive. We tell you that we will certainly not go up before those who have died. The Lord Himself will come down from heaven. We will hear a loud command. We will hear the voice of the leader of the angels. We will hear a blast from God's trumpet. Many who believe in Christ will have died already. They will rise first"* (1 Thessalonians 4:14-16).

John believed that Jesus will come again: *"Look! He is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see Him. Even those who pierced Him will see Him. All the nations of the earth will be sad because of Him. This will really happen! Amen"* (Revelation 1:7).

So Jesus is coming again. We believe it is soon. We do not know the day or the year. Jesus said: *"No one knows about that day or hour. Not even the angels in heaven know. The Son does not know. Only the Father knows"* (Matthew 24:36).

We want Jesus to come back. We love Jesus. He will bring good things when He comes. We will not get sick. We will not die.

What a wonderful day!

*"Come, Lord Jesus!"* (Revelation 22:20).

We are so happy to be Seventh-day Adventists!

# NEWS

Alexander Bullón likes to share Jesus with others. He had some special meetings in Peru in South America. The people lined up at the door to get into the meetings. There were 45,000 people who attended the meetings to learn about Jesus. When Pastor Bullon finished the meetings, 3,000 people were baptized.

Two pastors had meetings for eight weeks in California in the United States. Mark Finley and Ron Halvorsen preached about Jesus. They told the people He is coming again soon. They told the people how much Jesus loved them.

Many people came to the meetings. There were so many they had to find more room for all the people. When they finished, almost 400 people were baptized. There are 100 more who are studying their Bibles. They want to be baptized too.

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The *Adventist Review, Limited Edition* is for Seventh-day Adventists who otherwise would not have access to information about their church.

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